

Appl. No. 10/756,870  
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Reply to Office Action of 12/13/04

Remarks/Arguments:

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Applicant would like to thank the examiner for the thorough review of the present application. On Thursday, February 17, 2005, applicant and examiner discussed by telephone conversation applicant's response to the Office Action dated 7/15/04 in which applicant asserted the Welch reference did not disclose one locking member including a plurality of elongated sections pivotally connected to each other for allowing the device to be engaged about a shaft having an oblique shape, as recited by applicant's amended independent claims 1, 7, and 12, and which argument the examiner found unpersuasive in his final office action dated 12/13/04.

Applicant submitted no one locking member of Welch comprises pivotally connected elongated sections, as recited in applicant's amended independent claims. After discussion, the examiner stated he misread the claims of the present invention and requested applicant provide him with this Request For Reconsideration.

In view of these considerations, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of the original claims should be considered as no longer tenable with respect to the previously amended independent claims 1, 7, and 12. All pending dependent claims necessarily include the recitations of their independent claims and therefore are also in condition for allowance.

Should the examiner consider necessary or desirable to make formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by examiner's Amendment, if the examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. Alternatively, should the examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.